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STATE OF MAINE

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REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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for the calendar years

1941--1942

Chapter 131 has to do with larcenies. The first thirteen Sections of Chapter 136 have to do with gambling and search for implements of gambling.

(2) An insurance inspector has no authority to make arrests. The sole authority in his case is Chapter 35, Section 52, authorizing the Commissioner to have investigations made and using the following language: "If he shall be of the opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of arson or incendiari-ism, he shall cause such person to be arrested and charged with such offense . . . ."

Attorney General

February 20, 1942

From:

Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

To:

George E. Hill, State Tax Assessor

*In re Payment of Fire Bill in Deorganized Township*

I have your memo of January 26th in regard to the Plantation of Concord. The State Tax Assessor, in my opinion, has authority to use funds in his hands belonging to the former Plantation for payment of the bill rendered by the Town of Bingham for aid in putting out a forest fire. It is a current item and as such should be paid if there are funds available.

You say that Concord is not a part of the Maine Forestry District. If this is correct the Public Laws of 1939, Chapter 211, provides for its being placed in the Forestry District. Thereafter, the Forest Commissioner can act to protect the property under the terms of Public Laws of 1939, Chapter 224, and taxation is assessed accordingly under the provisions of the Forestry District law, which appears in Revised Statutes, Chapter 11, Section 68ff.

Attorney General

February 24th, 1942

W. Mayo Payson, Esq.  
Corporation Counsel  
City Hall  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mayo:

I have your letter of February fourteenth in regard to special deputies and police, and I agree with you that designations by the Governor of persons with the powers and immunities of constables will, in many cases, be much wiser than to put in additional special police and deputies.